

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-21 (withdraw)

Claim 22. (New) A composition for treating a skin disorder, comprising;

a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier; and
an active ingredient of inorganic ions comprising rubidium and at least one other ion selected from the group consisting of potassium, zinc, and calcium, wherein the composition has a pH of approximately 4-7.

Claim 23. (New) The composition of Claim 22 wherein the pharmaceutically acceptable carrier is selected from the group consisting of ointments, creams hydrogels, alginates, and kerosol.

Claim 24. (New) A method for treating a skin disorder comprising

providing a therapeutic composition comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and an active ingredient of inorganic ions comprising rubidium and at least one other ion selected from the group consisting of potassium, zinc, and calcium, wherein the composition has a pH of approximately 4-7; and

applying the composition to the skin.

Claim 25. (New) The method of Claim 24 wherein the skin disorder is selected from the group consisting of wrinkles, keloids, cancers, scars, psoriasis, insect bites, herpes simplex Type I, herpes simplex Type II, eczema, rosacea, fungal infection, minor infection, minor burns, sunburn, poison oak, poison ivy, poison sumac, wound healing, pyodermas, decubitus ulcers, tropical ulcers, impetigo, Kaposi

sarcoma, warts, gangrene, ischemic ulcer, keratosis, precancerous lesions, basal cell epithelioma, squamous cell carcinoma, keratoacanthoma, and acute cancerous ulcers.